AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

Area	Mar.'84	Feb.'84	Mar.'83(R)	Percent Change to March 1984 from: Feb.'84	Mar.'83
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	112,600	111,740	110,880	+ 0.8	+ 1.6
Manufacturing	31,030	30,940	31,150	+ 0.3	- 0.4
Nonmanufacturing	81,570	80,800	79,730	+ 1.0	+ 2.3
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	27,360	27,440	27,230	- 0.3	+ 0.5
Manufacturing	8,840	8,880	8,820	- 0.4	+ 0.2
Nonmanufacturing	18,520	18,560	18,410	- 0.2	+ 0.6
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	86,430	85,840	83,570	+ 0.7	+ 3.4
Manufacturing	30,090	29,920	28,420	+ 0.6	+ 5.9
Nonmanufacturing	56,340	55,920	55,150	+ 0.7	+ 2.2
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Employ.	22,720	22,500	21,690	+ 1.0	+ 9.4
Manufacturing	2,480	2,350	2,610	+ 5.5	- 5.0
Nonmanufacturing	20,240	20,150	19,080	+ 0.4	+ 6.1

(R) Revised * Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes

Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA

MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar. 1984	Feb. 1984	Mar. 1983	Mar. 1984	Feb. 1984	Mar. 1983	Mar. 1984	Feb. 1984	Mar. 1983
Ansonia	$423.20	$423.20	$395.71	43.9	43.9	43.2	$9.64	$9.64	$9.16
Bridgeport	404.70	404.70	368.02	42.6	42.6	40.8	9.50	9.50	9.02
Bristol	428.82	431.00	383.11	42.5	43.1	40.8	10.09	10.00	9.39
Danbury	380.58	378.35	340.13	44.1	44.2	42.2	8.63	8.56	8.06
Danielson	318.38	319.59	297.61	39.6	40.2	38.6	8.04	7.95	7.71
Hartford	409.36	410.18	382.34	41.9	42.2	41.2	9.77	9.72	9.28
Meriden	327.60	332.83(R)	321.53	40.0	41.5(R)	39.5	8.19	8.02(R)	8.14
Middletown	395.91	398.89	356.59	41.5	42.3	39.1	9.54	9.43	9.12
New Britain	389.49	387.30	355.29	41.7	41.6	40.1	9.34	9.31	8.86
New Haven	368.96	371.46	332.28	40.5	41.0	39.0	9.11	9.06	8.52
New London/ Norwich	396.87	433.41	379.96	39.1	42.7	40.9	10.15	10.15	9.29
Norwalk	423.51	416.26	364.76	46.9	46.2	44.0	9.03	9.01	8.29
Stamford	371.42	361.08	333.04	41.5	40.8	39.6	8.95	8.85	8.41
Torrington	279.40	290.23	241.39	39.8	41.7	37.6	7.02	6.96	6.42
Waterbury	336.26	349.44	309.12	43.5	44.8	42.0	7.73	7.80	7.36
Willimantic	316.57	317.38	304.59	38.7	38.8	42.9	8.18	8.18	7.10

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1983						
Jan....	1403.7	1422.5	10813	7869	8.1	7.2
Feb....	1399.0	1420.8	5308	6472	7.6	6.9
Mar....	1412.2	1426.6	4562	6256	7.2	6.8
Apr....	1432.2	1433.8	5046	5948	6.6	6.6
May....	1444.6	1436.6	4277	5591	5.9	6.2
Jun....	1459.4	1443.1	5352	5330	6.0	5.9
Jul....	1442.6	1449.6	7784	5288	6.0	5.8
Aug....	1429.1	1447.1	4553	4678	5.4	5.4
Sep....	1459.6	1450.8	3477	4888	5.0	5.5
Oct....	1465.9	1454.1	3620	4582	4.9	5.4
Nov....	1475.8	1460.1	3815	4295	4.8	5.2
Dec....	1484.6	1464.4	9006	5570	4.9	5.1
1984						
Jan....	1446.7	1465.8	6311	4593	5.3	4.6
Feb....	1447.4	1469.4	3535	4311	5.2	4.6
Mar....	1457.8	1472.5	2953	4051	4.7	4.6
Apr....						
May....						
Jun....						
Jul....						
Aug....						
Sep....						
Oct....						
Nov....						
Dec....						

	Personal Income Millions	Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Seasonally Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1983							
Jan....	3798.4	10587	11638	40.7	40.4	109.7	105.5
Feb....	3819.5	8087	11104	39.4	39.5	106.0	102.5
Mar....	3825.9	7901	6467	40.9	40.8	110.5	105.8
Apr....	3833.9	8714	9725	41.1	41.3	111.5	108.1
May....	3848.3	9939	9961	41.1	41.2	111.6	108.7
Jun....	3856.8	12691	11462	41.2	41.3	111.6	107.9
Jul....	3894.1	7120	8501	41.3	41.6	95.5	107.8
Aug....	3922.3	11897	10120	41.5	41.8	98.4	111.9
Sep....	3969.6	12105	12872	41.8	42.0	116.0	114.4
Oct....	4013.4	10202	10037	42.0	42.1	117.4	115.1
Nov....	4046.5	13470	11068	42.3	42.0	120.7	116.4
Dec....	4071.6	9394	9374	42.5	41.9	110.5	116.6
1984							
Jan....	4116.3	8799	9659	42.2	41.9	121.5	116.9
Feb....	4148.9	12198	16596	42.5	42.6	123.7	119.9
Mar....	4158.2	11295	9654	42.4	42.3	124.4	119.6
Apr....							
May....							
Jun....							
Jul....							
Aug....							
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

UC TRUST FUND DEBT DECREASING

Credit reduction payments based on 1983 taxable wages of Connecticut employers will further reduce the state's unemployment trust fund debt by an estimated $57 million to approximately $223 million. Although these payments were due at the end of January, the bulk will be applied to reducing the loan balance in March and April, based on last year's experience.

Since the trust fund became insolvent 12 years ago, Connecticut was forced to borrow a total of $577.8 million and has returned $130.2 million by direct repayment and $167.3 million in reduced credits for employers under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

Imposition of FUTA credit losses will continue until all outstanding loans are paid. Since 1980, the reduction has been based on 0.7 percent of federal taxable wages for employers. However, the loss of employer tax credits could also be greater. This revenue is only applied to the non-interest bearing portion of Connecticut's borrowing.

The remaining interest bearing debt of $63.8 million can only be reduced by direct repayment if there is any non-interest bearing debt outstanding. This obligation requires annual interest payments of up to $6.38 million until it is partially or all repaid. No regular employer contributions (taxes) to the state unemployment trust fund can be used to pay this interest which, instead, is covered by a separate assessment on employers.

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CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid (000)	Employer Contributions Collected (000)
1970	43,905	$130,251	$ 65,641
1971	69,403	229,238	63,191
1972	51,737	161,851	92,681
1973	36,314	117,610	114,163
1974	49,255	163,258	124,859
1975	83,971	298,345	140,940
1976	67,864	238,013	164,922
1977	53,699	193,150	177,719
1978	37,220	138,351	189,892
1979	30,876	114,926	181,376
1980	37,463	163,644	174,402
1981	36,507	173,725	167,840
1982	47,952	262,962	183,732
1983	40,251	232,255	201,578
Jan '83	65,979	$30,736	$ 5,863
Feb	57,275	25,707	11,859
Mar	53,644	30,066	575
Apr	47,737	20,864	24,085
May	40,189	19,735	75,980
Jun	36,313	19,074	725
Jul	38,690	16,321	13,696
Aug	35,187	16,640	38,773
Sep	30,131	14,806	746
Oct	26,602	12,289	8,670
Nov	26,010	13,048	19,982
Dec	27,102	12,970	624
Jan '84	38,570	$18,793	$ 7,372
Feb	35,104	18,279	13,302
Mar	32,625	17,600e	653p
Apr			
May			
Jun			
Jul			
Aug			
Sep			
Oct			
Nov			
Dec			

*Interest bearing
p-preliminary e-estimated
NOTE: Dollar amounts are in thousands

Federal Loans (000)

1972	$ 31,800
1973	21,700
1974	8,500
1975	203,000
1976	137,000
1977	75,000
1978	37,000
1983	63,806*

Direct Loan Repayments (000)

1976	$26,000
1977	27,300
1978	37,300
1979	39,600

Loan Repayments Via Employer Tax Credit Reduction (000)

1975	$12,902
1981	49,951
1982	50,486
1983	53,991

Total Outstanding Loans - (2/29/84)

Non-interest bearing:
$ 215,142,047
Interest bearing:
$63,806,407

Ct. UC Trust Fund Reserve - (3/31/84)
$20.9 million (e)

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CONNECTICUT LABOR SITUATION

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May 1984

Statewide employment continued to improve during April as 16,800 hirings boosted employment to a 1984 high, it is reported by State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro. At the same time, unemployment decreased and factory wages and personal income set new highs.

Employment, Wages and Hours: April's gain brought employment to 1,474,600 which was 42,400 more jobs than during April 1983 (page 2). A monthly increase of 1,800 had manufacturing employment at 414,500, the highest since May 1982, with most all categories showing improvement over the month as well as from last year. Nonmanufacturing was up by 15,000 to 1,060,100, with increased employment in construction, retail trade and other services. Fourteen labor market areas had increased employment which was unchanged from March in Willimantic and lower in Ansonia (pages 5 & 6). With the exception of Ansonia, each area had employment gains over the year.

Factory production worker wages set a new record of $393.39 weekly and $9.17 per hour for a longer workweek of 42.9 hours in April (page 3). Since April last year, the workweek was extended by 1.8 hours and both average weekly wages and hourly rates were 5.7 percent higher. There was little change from March in straight-time earnings of $348 weekly and $8.70 hourly which were 4.4 percent above the 1983 levels. Bristol area workers earned the highest weekly wage, $446.15, followed by Norwalk, $423.47; New London/Norwich, $423.07; Ansonia, $418.82; Hartford, $416.75 and Bridgeport, $410.45 (page 6).

Unemployment: Unemployment dropped by 5,700 to 69,900 (4.3%) in April from 75,600 (4.7%) the month before (page 4) and the seasonally adjusted rate from 4.6 to 4.4 percent, the lowest since January 1970. The national seasonally adjusted April rate was 7.8 percent. There were an estimated 29,900 persons filing continued claims for unemployment benefits in mid-April compared with 35,600 in March. A year-to-year comparison continues to reflect substantial improvement in the state's economy. Between April 1983 and this year total unemployment declined by 34,900 and 2.3 actual percentage points.

Other Indicators: Elsewhere in the economy (page 7), personal income of state residents once again reached an all-time high, the manufacturing output index improved on a seasonally adjusted basis, there were fewer continued claims for unemployment benefits and increased employment, in addition to lower unemployment.

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CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

April 1984

	Apr. 1984	Mar. 1984	Apr. 1983(R)	% Change Apr. '84 over Mar. '84	% Change Apr. '84 over Apr. '83
Total Nonag. Employment.....	1,474,600*	1,457,800*	1,432,200*	+ 1.2	+ 3.0
Manufacturing.....	414,500*	412,700*	402,600*	+ 0.4	+ 3.0
Durable.....	310,000*	308,400*	302,300*	+ 0.5	+ 2.5
Lumber & Furniture.....	6,800	6,600*	6,100	+ 3.0	+ 11.5
Primary Metals.....	16,700*	16,800*	16,300	- 0.6	+ 2.5
Fabricated Metals.....	58,000*	57,800	55,700	+ 0.3	+ 4.1
Machinery exc. Elec.....	49,200*	48,600	47,200	+ 1.2	+ 4.2
Electrical Equipment.....	54,500*	54,300*	50,100	+ 0.4	+ 8.8
Transportation Equipment.	81,500*	81,400*	83,600	+ 0.1	- 2.5
Instruments & Clocks.....	28,300	28,200	27,900	+ 0.4	+ 1.4
Other Durable.....	15,000	14,700	15,400*	+ 2.0	- 2.6
Nondurable.....	104,500	104,300	100,300	+ 0.2	+ 4.2
Food.....	13,800	13,900	12,900	- 0.7	+ 7.0
Textiles.....	7,200	7,100	6,700	+ 1.4	+ 7.5
Apparel.....	9,800	10,000	9,800	- 2.0	0.0
Paper.....	10,500	10,400	10,300	+ 1.0	+ 1.9
Printing & Publishing....	26,000	25,800	24,600	+ 0.8	+ 5.7
Chemicals.....	22,100	22,200	22,000	- 0.5	- 0.5
Rubber & Misc. Plastics..	13,200	13,100	12,400*	+ 0.8	+ 6.5
Other Nondurable.....	1,900	1,800	1,600	+ 5.6	+ 18.8
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,060,100*	1,045,100	1,029,600*	+ 1.4	+ 3.0
Construction & Mining.....	54,200*	50,400	50,700	+ 7.5	+ 6.9
Transportation.....	31,200	30,600	30,400	+ 2.0	+ 2.6
Motor Freight & Warehsng.	11,900	11,900	12,000	0.0	- 0.8
Other Transportation.....	19,300	18,700	18,400*	+ 3.2	+ 4.9
Communications.....	19,200	19,000	18,800	+ 1.1	+ 2.1
Utilities.....	12,600	12,500	12,200	+ 0.8	+ 3.3
Trade.....	313,100	308,700	305,400	+ 1.4	+ 2.5
Wholesale.....	72,900	72,500	72,800	+ 0.6	+ 0.1
Retail.....	240,200	236,200	232,600*	+ 1.7	+ 3.3
General Merchandise.....	32,800	32,700	30,700	+ 0.3	+ 6.8
Food Stores.....	44,200	42,900	41,900	+ 3.0	+ 5.5
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta....	26,100	25,600	25,200*	+ 1.9	+ 3.6
Restaurants.....	71,300	69,700	70,100	+ 2.3	+ 1.7
Other Retail Trade.....	65,800	65,300	64,700	+ 0.8	+ 1.7
Finance, Ins. & R.E.....	120,600	120,000	115,800	+ 0.5	+ 4.1
Banking.....	27,300	27,500	27,400	- 0.7	- 0.4
Insurance.....	68,800	68,600	65,500	+ 0.3	+ 5.0
Real Estate.....	10,500	10,000	9,800	+ 5.0	+ 7.1
Other Fin., Ins. & R.E...	14,000	13,900	13,100	+ 0.7	+ 6.9
Services.....	321,800	316,800	310,300	+ 1.6	+ 3.7
Hotels.....	7,500	7,200	7,000	+ 4.2	+ 7.1
Personal Services.....	16,000	15,700	15,500	+ 1.9	+ 3.2
Business Services.....	65,100	64,500	61,500	+ 0.9	+ 5.9
Health Services.....	108,400	107,400	104,800	+ 0.9	+ 3.4
Law & Professional.....	22,800	22,700	21,900	+ 0.4	+ 4.1
Educational Services.....	31,900	32,300	31,400	- 1.2	+ 1.6
Other Services.....	70,100	67,000	68,200	+ 4.6	+ 2.8
Government.....	187,400	187,100	186,000	+ 0.2	+ 0.8
Federal.....	21,500	21,500	21,500	0.0	0.0
State & Local.....	165,900	165,600	164,500	+ 0.2	+ 0.9

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

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Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Apr. 1984	Mar. 1984	Apr. 1983	Apr. 1984	Mar. 1984	Apr. 1983	Apr. 1984	Mar. 1984	Apr. 1983
Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers)	$393.39	$387.54	$356.75	42.9	42.4	41.1	$9.17	$9.14	$8.68
Durable Manufacturing.....	408.03	401.12	364.73	43.5	42.9	41.4	9.38	9.35	8.81
Lumber & Furniture.....	288.56	284.41	273.48	41.7	41.1	40.1	6.92	6.92	6.82
Primary Metals.....	462.30	441.00	392.35	46.0	44.5	42.6	10.05	9.91	9.21
Fabricated Metals.....	367.62	365.51	332.47	43.3	42.8	41.3	8.49	8.54	8.05
Machinery.....	451.14	436.04	278.80	44.8	44.0	40.6	10.07	9.91	9.33
Electrical Equipment.....	324.12	324.43	298.57	41.5	41.7	40.9	7.81	7.78	7.30
Transportation Equipment...	491.49	484.15	453.60	43.0	42.1	41.5	11.43	11.50	10.93
Instruments & Clocks.....	405.72	392.37	342.28	46.0	45.1	43.0	8.82	8.70	7.96
Other Durable Mfg.....	374.25	370.79	345.98	44.5	44.3	42.4	8.41	8.37	8.16
Nondurable Manufacturing....	347.24	346.42	325.21	40.9	40.9	40.1	8.49	8.47	8.11
Food.....	357.84	349.85	324.35	42.0	41.5	39.7	8.52	8.43	8.17
Textiles.....	281.40	273.83	267.02	40.2	39.4	39.5	7.00	6.95	6.76
Apparel.....	217.15	217.15	197.45	37.7	37.7	35.9	5.76	5.76	5.50
Paper.....	434.31	435.62	404.51	45.1	46.0	45.4	9.63	9.47	8.91
Printing & Publishing.....	338.92	334.88	317.19	37.7	37.5	36.5	8.99	8.93	8.69
Chemicals.....	445.98	451.69	415.81	42.8	43.1	43.0	10.42	10.48	9.67
Rubber & Misc. Plastics....	313.17	313.17	307.27	41.7	41.7	41.3	7.51	7.51	7.44
Other Nondurable Mfg.....	263.75	262.07	251.81	37.2	36.5	36.6	7.09	7.18	6.88
Construction.....	264.46	604.51	565.49	38.8	37.9	38.6	15.89	15.95	14.65

UNEMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTICUT BY AREA

	Apr. Number	1984 Ratio to Labor Force	Mar. Number	1984 Ratio to Labor Force	Apr. Number	1983(R) Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals*Actual.....	69,900	4.3	75,600	4.7	104,800	6.6
Seasonally Adjusted....		(4.4)		(4.6)		(6.6)
Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Ansonia.....	1,100	7.0	1,200	7.2	1,600	9.5
Bridgeport.....	9,200	4.8	9,700	5.2	15,500	8.1
Bristol.....	1,800	5.1	2,100	6.0	3,600	10.4
Danbury.....	3,400	3.2	3,800	3.7	5,500	5.6
Danielson.....	2,000	6.5	2,100	7.1	2,700	9.3
Hartford.....	15,400	3.9	17,600	4.5	23,100	6.0
Meriden.....	1,700	6.4	1,800	6.7	2,800	10.2
Middletown.....	2,400	4.0	2,800	4.7	3,300	5.7
New Britain.....	3,800	5.4	4,100	5.9	5,200	7.3
New Haven.....	9,400	4.6	10,100	5.0	13,500	6.7
New London/Norwich.....	4,300	3.7	4,400	3.8	5,500	5.0
Norwalk.....	3,200	3.9	3,000	3.7	3,600	4.5
Stamford.....	3,800	3.0	3,500	2.8	5,400	4.3
Torrington.....	2,800	7.0	3,000	7.8	4,200	10.5
Waterbury.....	4,800	4.5	5,600	5.3	8,300	7.9
Willimantic.....	800	2.8	800	3.1	1,000	3.9
U.S. Total-Actual.....	8,525,000	7.6	9,057,000	8.1	11,035,000	10.0
Seasonally Adjusted.....		(7.8)		(7.8)		(10.2)

* State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967 = 100)

	Apr. '84	Mar. '84	Apr. '83
All Items.....	308.8	307.3	295.5
Percent Change From....	xxx	+ 0.5	+ 4.5

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT
BY PLACE OF WORK

Area	Apr.'84	Mar.'84	Apr.'83	Percent Change to April 1984 from: Mar.'84	Apr.'83
ANSONIA					
Total Nonag. Employ.	8,040*	8,350	8,470	- 3.7	- 5.1
Manufacturing	2,530*	2,970	2,960	- 14.8	- 14.5
Nonmanufacturing	5,510	5,380	5,510	+ 2.4	0.0
BRIDGEPORT					
Total Nonag. Employ.	167,280*	165,790*	165,980	+ 0.9	+ 0.8
Manufacturing	59,330*	59,300*	57,940	0.0	+ 2.4
Nonmanufacturing	107,950	106,490	108,040	+ 1.4	- 0.1
BRISTOL					
Total Nonag. Employ.	23,550	23,060	21,970	+ 2.1	+ 7.2
Manufacturing	9,550	9,340	8,250	+ 2.2	+ 15.8
Nonmanufacturing	14,000	13,720	13,720	+ 2.0	+ 2.0
DANBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	74,980	73,840	70,270	+ 1.5	+ 6.7
Manufacturing	28,060	27,790	25,520	+ 1.0	+ 10.0
Nonmanufacturing	46,920	46,050	44,750	+ 1.9	+ 4.8
DANIELSON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	21,510	21,240	20,520	+ 1.3	+ 4.8
Manufacturing	10,110	10,150	9,190	- 0.4	+ 10.0
Nonmanufacturing	11,400	11,090	11,330	+ 2.8	+ 0.6
HARTFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	407,010	403,950*	400,380	+ 0.8	+ 1.7
Manufacturing	87,370	87,440*	86,040	- 0.1	+ 1.5
Nonmanufacturing	319,640	316,510	314,340	+ 1.0	+ 1.7
MERIDEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	22,420	22,300	21,840	+ 0.5	+ 2.7
Manufacturing	5,100	5,220	5,200	- 2.3	- 1.9
Nonmanufacturing	17,320	17,080	16,640	+ 1.4	+ 4.1
MIDDLETOWN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	46,570	46,000	45,950	+ 1.2	+ 1.3
Manufacturing	14,580	14,650	14,970	- 0.5	- 2.6
Nonmanufacturing	31,990	31,350	30,980	+ 2.0	+ 3.3
NEW BRITAIN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	59,470*	58,990	59,400	- 0.8	+ 0.1
Manufacturing	24,270	24,280	24,160	- 0.1	+ 0.6
Nonmanufacturing	35,200*	34,710	35,240	+ 1.4	- 0.1
NEW HAVEN					
Total Nonag. Employ.	197,200	194,900	189,090	+ 1.2	+ 4.3
Manufacturing	39,290	39,300	38,700	0.0	+ 1.5
Nonmanufacturing	157,910	155,600	150,390	+ 1.5	+ 5.0
NEW LONDON/NORWICH					
Total Nonag. Employ.	104,600	101,830*	99,830	+ 2.7	+ 4.8
Manufacturing	35,610	35,160*	35,640	+ 1.3	0.0
Nonmanufacturing	68,990	66,670	64,190	+ 3.5	+ 7.5
NORWALK					
Total Nonag. Employ.	67,170	66,370	65,780	+ 1.2	+ 2.1
Manufacturing	22,110	22,210	21,910	- 0.5	+ 0.9
Nonmanufacturing	45,060	44,160	43,870	+ 2.0	+ 2.7

AREA NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

Area	Apr.'84	Mar.'84	Apr.'83	Percent Change to April 1984 from Mar.'84	Mar.'83
STAMFORD					
Total Nonag. Employ.	113,510	112,600	112,130	+ 0.8	+ 1.2
Manufacturing	31,170	31,030	31,310	+ 0.5	- 0.4
Nonmanufacturing	82,340	81,570	80,820	+ 0.9	+ 1.9
TORRINGTON					
Total Nonag. Employ.	28,220	27,360	27,920	+ 3.1	+ 1.1
Manufacturing	8,960	8,840	8,780	+ 1.4	+ 2.1
Nonmanufacturing	19,260	18,520	19,140	+ 4.0	+ 0.6
WATERBURY					
Total Nonag. Employ.	87,440	86,430	85,110	+ 1.2	+ 2.7
Manufacturing	30,250	30,090	28,940	+ 0.5	+ 4.5
Nonmanufacturing	57,190	56,340	56,170	+ 1.5	+ 1.8
WILLIMANTIC					
Total Nonag. Employ.	22,700	22,720	22,050	0.0	+ 2.9
Manufacturing	2,440	2,480	2,620	- 1.6	- 6.9
Nonmanufacturing	20,260	20,240	19,430	+ 0.1	+ 4.3

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

Note: Area employment estimates may not coincide with statewide totals in other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA

MANUFACTURING, PRODUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND RELATED WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr/ 1984	Mar. 1984	Apr. 1983	Apr. 1984	Mar. 1984	Apr. 1983	Apr. 1984	Mar. 1984	Apr. 1983
Ansonia	$418.82	$411.09 (R)	$406.56	43.0	42.6 (R)	44.0	$9.74	$9.65 (R)	$9.24
Bridgeport	410.45	404.70	378.56	42.8	42.6	41.6	9.59	9.50	9.10
Bristol	446.15	428.82	380.43	43.4	42.5	40.3	10.28	10.09	9.44
Danbury	376.24	380.58	351.78	43.8	44.1	42.9	8.59	8.63	8.20
Danielson	324.40	318.38	300.30	40.0	39.6	38.5	8.11	8.04	7.80
Hartford	416.75	409.36	382.30	42.7	41.9	40.8	9.76	9.77	9.37
Meriden	337.03	327.60	316.22	42.5	40.0	38.8	7.93	8.19	8.15
Middletown	393.52	395.91	367.20	41.7	41.5	40.0	9.43	9.54	9.18
New Britain	394.99	389.49	363.26	42.2	41.7	41.0	9.36	9.34	8.86
New Haven	370.64	368.96	333.68	41.0	40.5	38.8	9.04	9.11	8.60
New London/ Norwich	423.07	396.87	387.39	41.6	39.1	41.3	10.17	10.15	9.38
Norwalk	423.47	423.51	359.45	47.0	46.9	43.1	9.01	9.03	8.34
Stamford	376.24	371.42	334.22	41.3	41.5	39.6	9.11	8.95	8.44
Torrington	298.92	279.40	258.07	42.4	39.8	39.4	7.05	7.02	6.55
Waterbury	339.99	336.26	299.17	43.7	43.5	41.9	7.78	7.73	7.14
Willimantic	336.61	316.57	295.92	41.1	38.7	41.1	8.19	8.18	7.20

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Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the labor market areas take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all the towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1983						
Jan....	1403.7	1422.5	10813	7869	8.1	7.2
Feb....	1399.0	1420.8	5308	6472	7.6	6.9
Mar....	1412.2	1426.6	4562	6256	7.2	6.8
Apr....	1432.2	1433.8	5046	5948	6.6	6.6
May....	1444.6	1436.6	4277	5591	5.9	6.2
Jun....	1459.4	1443.1	5352	5330	6.0	5.9
Jul....	1442.6	1449.6	7784	5288	6.0	5.8
Aug....	1429.1	1447.1	4553	4678	5.4	5.4
Sep....	1459.6	1450.8	3477	4888	5.0	5.5
Oct....	1465.9	1454.1	3620	4582	4.9	5.4
Nov....	1475.8	1460.1	3815	4295	4.8	5.2
Dec....	1484.6	1464.4	9006	5570	4.9	5.1
1984						
Jan....	1446.7	1465.8	6311	4593	5.3	4.6
Feb....	1447.4	1469.4	3535	4311	5.2	4.6
Mar....	1457.8	1472.5	2953	4051	4.7	4.6
Apr....	1474.6	1476.1	3362	3965	4.3	4.4
May....						
Jun....						
Jul....						
Aug....						
Sep....						
Oct....						
Nov....						
Dec....						

	Personal Income Millions	Auto Registrations		Average Work-Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Seasonally Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1983							
Jan....	3798.4	10587	11638	40.7	40.4	109.7	105.5
Feb....	3819.5	8087	11104	39.4	39.5	106.0	102.5
Mar....	3825.9	7901	6467	40.9	40.8	110.5	105.8
Apr....	3833.9	8714	9725	41.1	41.3	111.5	108.1
May....	3848.3	9939	9961	41.1	41.2	111.6	108.7
Jun....	3856.8	12691	11462	41.2	41.3	111.6	107.9
Jul....	3894.1	7120	8501	41.3	41.6	95.5	107.8
Aug....	3922.3	11897	10120	41.5	41.8	98.4	111.9
Sep....	3969.6	12105	12872	41.8	42.0	116.0	114.4
Oct....	4013.4	10202	10037	42.0	42.1	117.4	115.1
Nov....	4046.5	13470	11068	42.3	42.0	120.7	116.4
Dec....	4071.6	9394	9374	42.5	41.9	110.5	116.6
1984							
Jan....	4116.3	8799	9659	42.2	41.9	121.5	116.9
Feb....	4148.9	12198	16596	42.5	42.6	123.7	119.9
Mar....	4158.2	11295	9654	42.4	42.3	124.4	119.6
Apr....	4165.2	10362	11226	42.9	43.1	126.6	122.7
May....							
Jun....							
Jul....							
Aug....							
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid (000)	Employer Contributions Collected (000)
1970	43,905	$130,251	$ 65,641
1971	69,403	229,238	63,191
1972	51,737	161,851	92,681
1973	36,314	117,610	114,163
1974	49,255	163,258	124,859
1975	83,971	298,345	140,940
1976	67,864	238,013	164,922
1977	53,699	193,150	177,719
1978	37,220	138,351	189,892
1979	30,876	114,926	181,376
1980	37,463	163,644	174,402
1981	36,507	173,725	167,840
1982	47,952	262,962	183,732
1983	40,251	232,255	201,578
Jan '83	65,979	$30,736	$ 5,863
Feb	57,275	25,707	11,859
Mar	53,644	30,066	575
Apr	47,737	20,864	24,085
May	40,189	19,735	75,980
Jun	36,313	19,074	725
Jul	38,690	16,321	13,696
Aug	35,187	16,640	38,773
Sep	30,131	14,806	746
Oct	26,602	12,289	8,670
Nov	26,010	13,048	19,982
Dec	27,102	12,970	624
Jan '84	38,570	$18,793	$ 7,372
Feb	35,104	18,279	13,302
Mar	32,625	17,600e	653p
Apr	27,760	14,100e	25,145p
May			
Jun			
Jul			
Aug			
Sep			
Oct			
Nov			
Dec			

*Interest bearing
p-preliminary e-estimated
NOTE: Dollar amounts are in thousands

Federal Loans (000)

1972	$ 31,800
1973	21,700
1974	8,500
1975	203,000
1976	137,000
1977	75,000
1978	37,000
1983	63,806*

Direct Loan Repayments (000)

1976	$26,000
1977	27,300
1978	37,300
1979	39,600

Loan Repayments Via Employer Tax Credit Reduction (000)

1975	$12,902
1981	49,951
1982	50,486
1983	53,991

Total Outstanding Loans - (3/31/84)

Non-interest bearing:
$ 181,217,544
Interest bearing:
$63,806,407

Ct. UC Trust Fund Reserve - (4/30/84)
$ 32.7 million (e)

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CONNECTICUT LABOR SITUATION

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June 1984

Record high employment and the lowest unemployment rate since at least 1970 are reported by State Labor Commissioner P. Joseph Peraro for May when other statewide economic conditions also improved.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Overall employment reached an all-time high of 1,486,100 during May, up 11,500 from April and 41,500 above May last year (page 2). Factory jobs increased by 700 over the month and 12,500 from 1983, reflecting continued recovery from the economic downturn. Construction payrolls advanced from April and a year ago, along with retail trade which added 7,300 jobs since last year; insurance with a gain of 2,700 jobs; health services added 3,700 and business services, an annual gain of 3,200. Monthly employment increases were recorded in 14 labor markets and two areas had lower employment (pages 5 & 6).

Unchanged from April was the $9.17 average hourly wage of factory production workers (page 3) who earned a weekly pay of $388.81 for a shorter workweek of 42.4 hours (down from April's 42.9). Compared with last year, weekly wages were up 8.5 percent and hourly earnings increased 5.1 percent. On a straight-time, 40-hour week basis, both hourly and weekly wages for May were slightly higher at $9.17 and $349.60, respectively, and 3.9 percent above May 1983. The highest weekly wages were paid to workers in the Bristol area, followed by Ansonia, Norwalk, Hartford, New London/Norwich and Bridgeport (page 6).

Unemployment: Unemployment dropped to 68,200 (4.1 percent) in May from April's level of 69,900 (4.3 percent), the lowest since January 1970 using the current methodology (page 4). When seasonally adjusted, the 4.5 percent May rate was one-tenth of a point above April. Both remained substantially under the comparable national figures of 7.2 and 7.5 percent, respectively. Eleven labor markets had lower unemployment which was unchanged in two and increased in three areas. Included in the unemployment estimate were people receiving unemployment benefits, others who were ineligible or whose benefits expired and those entering or reentering the labor force. In May there were an estimated 26,100 persons filing continued claims for unemployment benefits compared with 29,900 in mid-April.

Other Indicators: Personal income of residents increased to a new, all-time high of $4 billion, 183-million (page 7) and other economic indicators also improved. Automobile registrations were up from both April and May last year and first-time claims for unemployment compensation declined for similar periods.

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C O N N E C T I C U T N O N A G R I C U L T U R A L E M P L O Y M E N T

(Excludes domestics and self-employed)

	May 1984	Apr. 1984	May 1983(R)	% Change May '84 over Apr. '84	% Change May '84 over May '83
Total Nonag. Employment.....	1,486,100*	1,474,600*	1,444,600*	+ 0.8	+ 2.9
Manufacturing.....	415,200*	414,500*	402,700	+ 0.2	+ 3.1
Durable.....	310,500*	310,000*	301,500	+ 0.2	+ 3.0
Lumber & Furniture.....	6,700	6,800	6,100	- 1.5	+ 9.8
Primary Metals.....	16,800	16,700*	16,300	+ 0.6	+ 3.1
Fabricated Metals.....	58,400	58,000*	55,800	+ 0.7	+ 4.7
Machinery exc. Elec.....	49,400	49,200*	47,000	+ 0.4	+ 5.1
Electrical Equipment.....	54,700	54,500*	50,200	+ 0.4	+ 9.0
Transportation Equipment.	81,600*	81,500*	83,200	+ 0.1	- 1.9
Instruments & Clocks.....	28,000	28,300	27,800	- 1.1	+ 0.7
Other Durable.....	14,900	15,000	15,100	- 0.7	- 1.3
Nondurable.....	104,700	104,500	101,200	+ 0.2	+ 3.5
Food.....	13,600	13,800	13,300	- 1.4	+ 2.3
Textiles.....	7,100	7,200	6,900	- 1.4	+ 2.9
Apparel.....	10,000	9,800	9,700	+ 2.0	+ 3.1
Paper.....	10,500	10,500	10,300	0.0	+ 1.9
Printing & Publishing....	26,200	26,000	24,800	+ 0.8	+ 5.6
Chemicals.....	22,200	22,100	22,100	+ 0.4	+ 0.5
Rubber & Misc. Plastics..	13,200	13,200	12,500	0.0	+ 5.6
Other Nondurable.....	1,900	1,900	1,600	0.0	+ 18.8
Nonmanufacturing.....	1,070,900	1,060,100*	1,041,900*	+ 1.0	+ 2.8
Construction & Mining.....	57,400	54,200*	53,900	+ 5.9	+ 6.5
Transportation.....	31,900	31,200	31,800	+ 2.2	+ 0.3
Motor Freight & Warehsng.	12,000	11,900	12,000	+ 0.8	0.0
Other Transportation.....	19,900	19,300	19,800	+ 3.1	+ 0.5
Communications.....	19,300	19,200	18,700	+ 0.5	+ 3.2
Utilities.....	12,600	12,600	12,300	0.0	+ 2.4
Trade.....	316,800	313,100	309,500	+ 1.2	+ 2.4
Wholesale.....	72,900	72,900	72,900*	0.0	0.0
Retail.....	243,900	240,200	236,600	+ 1.5	+ 3.1
General Merchandise.....	33,200	32,800	30,900	+ 1.2	+ 7.4
Food Stores.....	44,300	44,200	42,100	+ 0.2	+ 5.2
Auto Dlrs. & Gas Sta....	26,200	26,100	25,500	+ 0.4	+ 2.7
Restaurants.....	73,600	71,300	72,300	+ 3.2	+ 1.8
Other Retail Trade.....	66,600	65,800	65,800	+ 1.2	+ 1.2
Finance, Ins. & R.E.....	121,000	120,600	116,900	+ 0.3	+ 3.5
Banking.....	27,300	27,300	27,400	0.0	- 0.4
Insurance.....	68,900	68,800	66,200	+ 0.1	+ 4.1
Real Estate.....	10,800	10,500	10,100	+ 2.9	+ 6.9
Other Fin., Ins. & R.E...	14,000	14,000	13,200	0.0	+ 6.1
Services.....	325,200	321,800	313,700	+ 1.1	+ 3.7
Hotels.....	8,100	7,500	7,700	+ 8.0	+ 5.2
Personal Services.....	15,600	16,000	15,000	- 2.5	+ 4.0
Business Services.....	65,800	65,100	62,600	+ 1.1	+ 5.1
Health Services.....	108,700	108,400	105,000	+ 0.3	+ 3.5
Law & Professional.....	22,800	22,800	21,900	0.0	+ 4.1
Educational Services.....	32,300	31,900	31,700	+ 1.3	+ 1.9
Other Services.....	71,900	70,100	69,800	+ 2.6	+ 3.0
Government.....	186,700	187,400	185,100	- 0.4	+ 0.9
Federal.....	21,400	21,500	21,600	- 0.5	- 0.9
State & Local.....	165,300	165,900	163,500	- 0.4	+ 1.1

* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.

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E A R N I N G S A N D H O U R S - M A Y 1 9 8 4

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	May 1984	Apr. 1984	May 1983	May 1984	Apr. 1984	May 1983	May 1984	Apr. 1984	May 1983
Manufacturing (Production and Related Workers)	$388.81	$393.39	$358.39	42.4	42.9	41.1	$9.17	$9.17	$8.72
Durable Manufacturing.....	403.77	408.03	367.22	43.0	43.5	41.4	9.39	9.38	8.87
Lumber & Furniture.....	286.07	288.56	270.95	41.4	41.7	40.2	6.91	6.92	6.74
Primary Metals.....	455.91	462.30	402.66	45.5	46.0	42.7	10.02	10.05	9.43
Fabricated Metals.....	368.51	367.62	337.00	43.1	43.3	41.4	8.55	8.49	8.14
Machinery.....	446.78	451.14	387.04	44.5	44.8	41.0	10.04	10.07	9.44
Electrical Equipment.....	317.05	324.12	297.68	40.7	41.5	40.5	7.79	7.81	7.35
Transportation Equipment...	482.22	491.49	444.22	42.3	43.0	41.4	11.40	11.43	10.73
Instruments & Clocks.....	410.26	405.72	343.31	46.2	46.0	42.7	8.88	8.82	8.04
Other Durable Mfg.....	371.04	374.25	348.10	43.6	44.5	42.4	8.51	8.41	8.21
Nondurable Manufacturing....	345.14	347.24	329.20	40.7	40.9	40.0	8.48	8.49	8.23
Food.....	368.07	357.84	335.34	42.7	42.0	40.5	8.62	8.52	8.28
Textiles.....	279.18	281.40	260.94	39.6	40.2	38.6	7.05	7.00	6.76
Apparel.....	212.91	217.15	196.32	36.9	37.7	35.5	5.77	5.76	5.53
Paper.....	425.28	434.31	408.11	44.3	45.1	44.7	9.60	9.63	9.13
Printing & Publishing.....	338.83	338.92	326.71	37.9	37.7	37.0	8.94	8.99	8.83
Chemicals.....	439.45	445.98	417.78	42.5	42.8	42.5	10.34	10.42	9.83
Rubber & Misc. Plastics....	306.45	313.17	310.34	41.3	41.7	41.6	7.42	7.51	7.46
Other Nondurable Mfg.....	275.94	263.75	265.66	37.8	37.2	37.0	7.30	7.09	7.18
Construction.....	632.76	616.53	591.32	39.4	38.8	39.5	16.06	15.89	14.97

U N E M P L O Y M E N T I N C O N N E C T I C U T B Y A R E A

	May Number	1984 Ratio to Labor Force	Apr. Number	1984 Ratio to Labor Force	May Number	1983(R) Ratio to Labor Force
State Totals*Actual.....	68,200	4.1	69,900	4.3	95,300	5.9
Seasonally Adjusted....		(4.5)		(4.4)		(6.2)
Labor Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Ansonia.....	1,000	5.9	1,100	7.0	1,400	8.4
Bridgeport.....	9,400	4.9	9,200	4.8	13,800	7.2
Bristol.....	1,600	4.5	1,800	5.1	2,800	8.4
Danbury.....	3,400	3.3	3,400	3.2	5,100	5.1
Danielson.....	1,900	6.1	2,000	6.5	2,300	7.9
Hartford.....	15,300	3.9	15,400	3.9	21,100	5.4
Meriden.....	1,700	6.2	1,700	6.4	2,400	8.8
Middletown.....	2,400	3.8	2,400	4.0	3,100	5.3
New Britain.....	3,400	4.8	3,800	5.4	5,000	7.0
New Haven.....	9,200	4.4	9,400	4.6	12,400	6.2
New London/Norwich.....	4,400	3.7	4,300	3.7	5,200	4.6
Norwalk.....	2,900	3.5	3,200	3.9	3,300	4.2
Stamford.....	3,400	2.6	3,300	3.0	5,200	4.1
Torrington.....	2,500	6.2	2,800	7.0	3,600	8.9
Waterbury.....	5,000	4.7	4,800	4.5	7,700	7.3
Willimantic.....	700	2.6	800	2.8	900	3.3
U.S. Total-Actual.....	8,154,000	7.2	8,525,000	7.6	10,765,000	9.8
Seasonally Adjusted.....		(7.5)		(7.8)		(10.1)

* State totals may not agree with the sum of the area totals due to rounding.
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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
Base Period (1967 = 100)

	May '84	Apr. '84	May '83
All Items.....	309.7	308.8	297.1
Percent Change From....	xxx	+0.3	+4.2

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI-The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living. Effective with the January 1978 index, the Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a new CPI for all Urban Consumers which covers approximately 80 percent of the total noninstitutional civilian population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage, such as professional, managerial and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force. The CPI shown above represents U.S. city averages and is not seasonally adjusted.

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